(c) Since a large number of Private Placement agencies are coming up in various parts of the country, it is felt that respective State/UT Governments may frame their own legislation for the purpose of registering and regulating the operations of Private Employment agencies within the guidelines of Ministry of Labour, Government of India.

Closing down on Vanaspati producing units

2021. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Vanaspati producing units have been closed down as a result of import of cheap vanaspati from Nepal;

(b) if so, the steps taken to save the labourers;

(c) the number of workers affected due to closures of various units, State-wise; and

(d) the welfare measures taken for these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Eradication of child labour

2022. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the complete eradication of Child Labour in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that some State Governments have already taken a decison to eliminate the employment of child labour and draw up a plan for their education and rehabilitation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Government would be making attempts to eliminate child labour from hazardous occupations

and progressively move towards elimination of child labour in all its forms in the coming years. These efforts would be through the implementaiton of the NCLPs in the Country.

(c) and (d) Under the National Policy for elimination of child labour, all State Governments have committed themselves to eliminate all forms of child labour and their rehabilitation.

Performance of Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana

2023. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the on-going 'Krishi Shramik Suraksha Yojana' started in the year 2001;

(b) whether the agro workers respond to this scheme involving;

(c) the steps taken to keep people informed about this scheme; and

(d) how many districts in Tamil Nadu have been selected for implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As per the reports received from Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), about 2 lakhs agricultural workers have been covered under "Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2001" (KSSSY) Scheme upto 28.02.2003.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The scheme has been propagated through LIC by means of leaflets/pamphlets in bilingual languages. The Ministry of Labour through its field offices have generated awareness about the KSSSY scheme by organising camps and field visits in the concerned villages of the selected districts.

(d) Four districts, namely Trichirappalli, Cuddalore, Tanjavur, Madurai have been selected for implementation of KSSSY scheme in Tamil Nadu.